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Attachment 5

To: Ronny J. Coleman, Chairman
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Subject/Agenda Action Item: California Fire Fighter I Certification with IFSAC/Pro Board Seals

Recommended Actions: Information/Discussion

Background Information:

In 2015, the State Board of Fire Service (SBFS) and the Statewide Training and Education Advisory Committee (STEAC) approved the implementation of IFSAC/Pro Board Certification. The implementation provided two options for certification; a California Fire Fighter I Certification and a voluntary IFSAC/Pro Board Certification. Both certifications had all three NFPA certifications shown on one certificate (Fire Fighter I, Wildland I, and HazMat FRO).

Analysis/Summary of Issue:

IFSAC and Pro Board originally approved SFT to combined all three certifications onto one certificate. After implementation, some issues were identified, requiring changes to the way that SFT issues certifications with IFSAC/Pro Board seals. Due to Pro Board and IFSAC policies, SFT cannot issue a combined IFSAC or Pro Board certification, if the candidate already possesses one or more of the same certifications. This is currently posing a problem for candidates who currently have a IFSAC and/or Pro Board Fire Fighter I and HazMat FRO, but needs a Wildland Fire Fighter I. This is typical with out-of-state and Department of Defense candidates who are seeking reciprocity as well as candidates who are seeking to upgrade their certification.

SFT is proposing to start issuing separate IFSAC/Pro Board Certifications for Fire Fighter I, Wildland I, and HazMat FRO for candidates who want the voluntary IFSAC/Pro Board seal in addition to a combined California Fire Fighter I (Fire Fighter I, Wildland I, and HazMat FRO) without the IFSAC and Pro Board Seal. At this point in time there will be no increase in cost for the IFSAC / Pro Board certification cost.